

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 28, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
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Dear Speaker Johnson:

As you begin to prepare the floor schedule for the remainder of this year, we urge you to bring forward bipartisan legislation to address the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses.

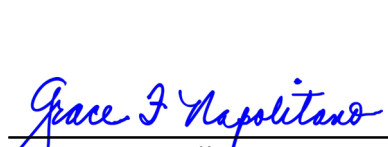
An overwhelming number of Americans believe there is a mental health crisis in this country, and we continue to see a rise in reports of loneliness, stress, anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide, and drug and alcohol abuse. Now is a critical time for the House to continue our work to increase funding for life-saving services, to raise public awareness, and to encourage all those in need to seek help.

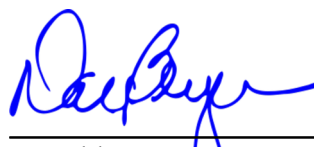
Last Congress, both chambers worked together to secure significant advancements for mental health programs. Passage of H.R.2617, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, included both \$7.5 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an increase of \$970 million above the FY2022 enacted level, and a comprehensive bipartisan package of mental health bills to further increase services. Furthermore, passage of S.2938, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, included close to \$2 billion in funding for further investments in children and school-based mental health services.


Both chambers have shown an effort to work in a bipartisan manner to address our ongoing mental health crisis, and it is imperative that we continue to act on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


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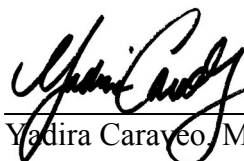
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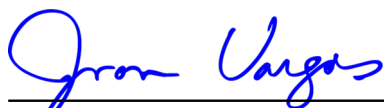
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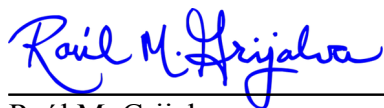
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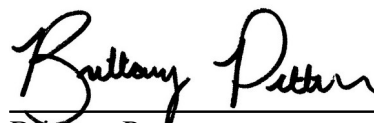
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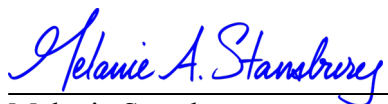
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